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SUBJ: PLO LEADER KHALID FAHOUM DOUBTS CAMPAIGN EXPELL

ISRAEL WILL REACH UNGA

1. IN CONVERSATION JULY 29 WITH RELIABLE WESTERN DIPLOMAT, KHALID FAHOUM, CHAIRMAN OF THE PLO NATIONAL COUNCIL, STATED HE DID NOT THINK EXPULSION CAMPAIGN WOULD REACH UNGA THIS YEAR. DESCRIBED CAMPAIGN AS PURELY TACTICAL MOVE TO PRESSURE ISRAEL FOR CONCESSIONS ON SINAI AND GOLAN, NOTING AT THIS STAGE PALESTINIANS WERE NOT EXPECTING ANY ISRAELI CONCESSIONS TOWARDS THEM.

2. FAHOUM PREDICTED THAT SHOULD ISSUE BE RAISED IN UNGA MANY COUNTRIES WHO SYMPATHETIC TO PALESTINIAN AND ARAB CAUSES WOULD OPPOSE EXPULSION BECAUSE OF THEIR CONCERN FOR PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY.
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